

FAMILY HISTORY BASIS OF \$50,000 SUIT FOR SLANDER

Brother of Banker On Stand
the Sister-in-Law's Action
Against Him.

WAS SENT TO ASYLUM.
Tells of Setting Aside Big In-
come for Wife From Whom
He Was Separated.

William Morris Hollins, brother of Henry B. Hollins, a Wall Street banker, who is being sued by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah O. G. Pickman, for \$50,000 damages for slander, told today on the witness stand before Justice Huger in the Supreme Court of a remarkable family history, of which he has been a chronicler, and produced the ponderous leather bound volume in court.

It was in this book, Mrs. Pickman alleges, Hollins, as family historian, inscribed an objectionable account of his marital woes following his separation from his wife, Mrs. Adeline Grundy Hollins, whom he married in Christ Church, Elmhurst, in 1882. Hollins, who was formerly connected with the firm of H. B. Hollins & Co., in state that his entry is true, but contends it was inserted for family personal and not for promiscuous circulation.

As historian, Hollins has recorded achievements of the Hollins, Howells, Coles and Morris families dating from the first Hollins in 1320. He has been aided by Robert S. Hollins and Gen. Henry A. Thompson of Baltimore in compiling statistics of the American Hollins and searched the archives of the College of Arms and Stanford-shire Researches in England to complete the record of English ancestry.

Uncomplimentary Record.

Under the record of his name he wrote a two-page narrative attacking his wife, her sister, Mrs. Pickman, and his father-in-law. Much of it is severely uncomplimentary. The record which Mrs. Shipman holds is libelous, is written in Hollins's handwriting and he has underscored and emphasized certain charges which Mrs. Shipman attacks.

Beginning his attack on his wife's family he asserts that her father was a "man of most limited capacity, of a most quarrelsome disposition and of no business influence whatever." Speaking of himself in the third person he wrote that he had made the "mistake of his life" in marrying Miss Grundy, who had shown a "singularly false pride in her family."

The statements in the record that Mrs. Pickman "backed her son" in forcing Hollins to sign a separation agreement by which he surrendered fifty percent of his income to her, and that he consented to give her 45 percent of his income is the matter which Mrs. Pickman charges as libelous.

"Did Mrs. Hollins receive this stock and this allowance?" asked Justice Dugan.

"I told my brother, Henry B., to set aside fifty shares for her," replied Hollins. "It was a trust deed. She receives the dividends during life and it was agreed that on my death she was to receive the stock."

"Gave Wife Large Allowance."

"It is true, in the connection that after weeks of insistence on her part and protest and entreaties on four part, you finally consented to give her 45 percent of your income, amounting to \$25,000 monthly and fifty shares of the stock in an agreement drawn up by your wife's lawyers under her direction on Dec. 23, 1900, which she forced you to sign," asked his lawyer.

Hollins said that was correct. He also asserted that he was taken in a wagon from his home at No. 119 Harrison avenue, Montclair, N. J., before a Master in Chancery, and that he was not represented by a lawyer when he signed the papers. The wagon, he stated, belonged to Mrs. Pickman.

Three days later the separation agreement, which was entered in evidence, Hollins was taken to the Fair Oaks Sanatorium, where he remained some time.

"Who removed you there?" he was asked.

"My brother Henry. He told me to go there and stay there and not come near his office any more. You see he thought I was sick."

CAUTIONED RILEY NOT TO GIVE OUT OFFICIAL LETTERS

Commissioner Lane Did Not
Authorize Sale of Sugar
Trust Evidence.

"MUST OBEY THE LAW."
Office Mate Says Accused
Agent Helped in Preparation
of Prosecution.

United States Attorney Henry A. Wise announced that he would not resume the grilling of Thomas P. Riley in cross-examination today in his trial for the alleged theft, sale and publication of letters and other documents in evidence prepared for the prosecution of the Sugar Trust, to which he had access in the office of the United States Attorney. The case is being heard by Judge Martin and a jury in the United States Circuit Court.

The defense rested, calling no other witnesses, and Assistant United States Attorney G. H. Dorr called in rebuttal Franklin K. Lane, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which employed Riley.

Riley had testified that after he furnished the Department of Justice with facts and data against the American Sugar Refinery Company he was employed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Then, he said, Charles P. Norcross, to whom he had furnished some material for Sugar Trust articles, wanted more, and he asked Commissioner Lane, who not only gave his consent but telephoned to Norcross that he was welcome to all the help he could get from Riley.

Lane's Version of Story.

Commissioner Lane testified in opposition to this and in line with a letter of caution written by John S. Marble, counsel to the commission, that his permission to Riley was merely as to such information as he had collected himself before he entered the employ of the Government as a special agent.

Lane said he cautioned Riley that this did not apply to information which might come into his hands as a special agent and from occupying a desk in the office of the District Attorney.

"In other words, I expected him to obey the law," concluded Commissioner Lane.

Richard T. Greene, counsel for Riley, failed to make this statement, but he drew out that Commissioner Lane directed Mr. Marble to investigate Riley's conduct while the magazine began the publication of articles which included matter that must have "leaked" from Government employees.

Felix Frankfurter, who was a special Assistant Attorney-General assigned to the District Attorney Henry L. Stimson's office in the Sugar Trust investigation, testified that he called upon Riley for certain information in his possession, and that Riley told him he could have it by "paying the boys for making typewritten copies of the documents he held."

Office Mate Didn't Know.

J. W. H. Grim, an assistant United States Attorney in June, 1900, denied that Riley, who was his office mate, ever told him he was preparing magazine articles on the Sugar Trust and related frauds.

Richard T. Greene, counsel for Riley, never told him, as he says, that he might take what he wanted out of the big letter files of the Sugar Trust and do what he liked with them.

Crim said Riley assisted him in searching the books of the Sugar Trust. "Did you submit the books to Riley for any other purpose?"

"Absolutely not. It was merely that he might help me in preparing those cases."

Mr. Grim said he protested to Riley about an article called "Sugar Talk" in the Constitution, particularly because of its reference to the Wickersham "go slow" letter to Mr. Wise.

"I told him Mr. Wise was much interested, as the leak of such matters reflected on us," said Grim.

"Riley told me he talked with the magazine people, but he did not give them the Wickersham letter, and had never seen that letter."

This completed the evidence on both sides, and the lawyers began their final pleas to the jury.

The jury was sent out at 2:30 o'clock.

WIDOW OF WRITER WEDDED.

Mrs. Root Becomes Wife of Sherwood Aldrich, Millionaire.

Mrs. Jeannette Thomas Root, widow of Wall Street man, and Sherwood Aldrich, the millionaire head of a copper mining company, were married yesterday in the Albany City hall, No. 12 West Fifty-eighth street. The ceremony was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Allen W. McCurdy, pastor of the Morning Presbyterian Church, and was attended by only a few relatives.

YOUNG LEADER WHO ENTERTAINS BIG CROWD TO-NIGHT.



J. J. LYONS
in charge of an United States Deputy Marshal.

Each of the five counts in the indictment is punishable by not more than one year and \$200 fine.

WALL STREET

A rising tendency was in progress at the outset of trading this morning. An unsuccessful attempt to depress prices was made by professional operators at the opening, but substantial support was forthcoming from large interests and stocks were strong during the remainder of the hour. The list appeared to derive its strength from a suggestion, held in the financial district that the United States Steel Corporation's report on January business, to be published later in the day, would be distinctly bullish. Steel stocks were strong.

Further buying from London sent Canadian Pacific up to 21 1/4, a new high record.

Subsequent trading ruled steady. Stocks fell to the lowest of the day after reacting continuously during the afternoon period.

Almost all prominent features were about a point down at the close, when low figures of the day were established. Total sales of stocks were 436,320 shares, and bonds, 25,470.

The Closing Prices.

Today's highest and low prices of stocks and of foreign exchange as compared with yesterday's final figures are as follows:

Stock	High	Low	Net
Am. Coal	99 1/2	99 1/2	0
Am. Can	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Oil	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Gas	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Sugar	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Tobacco	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Cotton	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Lumber	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Steel	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Iron	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Copper	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Lead	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Zinc	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Tin	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Silver	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Gold	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Platinum	100	99 1/2	0
Am. Palladium	100	99 1/2	0
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Am. Rhodium	100	99 1/2	0
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